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■ CONTEST

Port Colborne angling for title of Ultimate Fishing Town Canada

DAVE JOHNSON
 InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Walleye, small-mouth bass, perch, rainbow and lake trout, muskie, pike, crappie, blue gill and catfish are some of species of fish that can be caught by anglers from the shores of Lake Erie and on the lake itself.

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■ MOVING ON UP: Port High shares insight with feeder school students



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Nicole Farr, 14, left, a student at Port Colborne High School attends its Moving on Up day, which promotes health and wellness among teens. She spoke to Jackie Symes, an outreach worker for Resource Association for Teens, about the reasons why some teens become homeless, the things they can do to help themselves and what RAFT can do to get them back on their feet while still attending school in their own community.

It's about making positive choices

VICTORIA GRAY
 InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — The choices teenagers make now may affect them for the rest of their lives.

Port Colborne High School wants to make sure their choices are positive. Last Friday it held Moving on Up, a health and wellness day geared to showing young people the healthy and positive choices they can make to improve their lives now, and in the future.

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■ FISHING

Wide variety of fish is appealing

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Great facilities for launching and accommodating boats can be found in Port Colborne as well.

"I'd say the access to the water is fantastic, the best on Lake Erie I've seen," said Chris Yallowica, 444 International Walleye Tournament chair and executive member of Port Colborne and District Conservation Club.

The species of fish available to anglers all four seasons and access to the lake were reasons why Yallowica entered the city into World Fishing Network's second annual Ultimate Fishing Town Canada contest.

World Fishing Network is a channel 24/7 television network, in more than 20 million households through North American cable, satellite and telecommunications distributors, dedicated to all segments of fishing with programming that covers instruction, tips, tournaments, travel, food, boating, outdoor lifestyle and more.

The Ultimate Fishing Town Canada contest will see the winning town awarded \$25,000 to use in the community.

In Yallowica's entry on the contest website — www.walffishingtown.ca — he said the funds "would be used to advancing four initiatives."

"Firstly, part of the money should go to the Port Colborne and District Conservation Club to enhance the work it does through its walleye hatchery program. Secondly, Sugarloaf Harbour Marina needs new fish-cleaning stations; part of the money should go to this effort. Thirdly, part of the prize should be spent on strengthening the tournaments in Port Colborne, attracting more participants and adding kids programs.

"Finally, part of the money needs to be invested in promoting the fishing opportunities that exist in Port Colborne — Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town."

Evan Acs, with Port's economic development, tourism and marketing department, said the city is working with Yallowica and the conservation club to get word of the contest out there and to try and get residents to vote.

"We need supporting nominations to make the bid a little stronger," Acs said.

Nominations continue until April 8. Voting starts April 12, when residents can vote up to four times a day, once every six hours, for Yallowica's entry.

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■ CHOICES

Speak Up grant was key

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Youth councillor Laurie Iannettii said the day wouldn't have been able to happen without the Speak Up grant the school received from the Ministry of Education and a partnership with Bridges Community Health Centre.

"We wanted to encompass all elements of health and wellness, it's meant to be very experiential," she said.

The event had four components for different age groups: the marketplace; a mental health session on living with depression; a transitioning workshop for Grade 11 and 12 students delivered by Brock University students, about adjusting to life after high school; and a fun and games component geared toward good choices leading to an active lifestyle.

Bridges health promoter Lori Kleinsmith said the day was all about giving teens the tools to help themselves.

"Their bodies are still growing and the choices and decisions they make now will affect them for the rest of their lives," she said. "Kids make snap decisions, we're hoping some of the information will stick with them."

There were more than 40 Port High students who volunteered to help put the event together.

Lydia Parton, 16, volunteered with the school nurse to promote Pink Day, to raise awareness about bullying, and to give information about sexual health.

"It's important to get the word out," she said. "Make



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Jessica Moore, 18, left, and Lydia Parton, 16, from Port Colborne Secondary School help the school nurse promote the Day of Pink at the school's Moving on Up day. The Day of Pink is a day to raise awareness of bullying. Both girls are hoping everyone will wear pink on April 13 to change the way many people treat each other.

some change and hopefully make a better place."

There were more than 15 community agencies giving teens and pre-teens from feeder schools in the area entertaining information and free gifts, including pens and bracelets.

Resource Association for Teens (RAFT), a youth service in St. Catharines, was providing information about homelessness in the area, how to fight it and where to go for help. Jackie Symes works with schools in Port Colborne

to make sure she sees teens before they're homeless.

"A lot of kids don't realize (homelessness) exists in Niagara, but it does," she said.

Tyler Dickerson, 14, from Steele Street Public School, thought the information he was getting at the Niagara Regional Police drug awareness booth was really helpful.

His teacher Jordan Proese, thought the amount of volunteers, and breadth of subject matter available to the teens was outstanding.

"Texting and driving is a major concern for us, these guys will be driving soon," he said. "Everything is easily accessible framed in a way they understand and they have something to take away."

Troy Terreberry, 13, from Steele Street Public School, learned men are more likely to get in a car crash while driving.

"I just know I'm going to be a responsible driver," he said.

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■ **ICY:** Taking a dip in ice-cold waters

Cooler head prevails

DAVE JOHNSON
inPort News

PORT COLBORNE — It all started because of a doughnut.

When Zacary Reimer was 15, he and his father Rodney were on their way to the family cottage on Firelane 12, off of Silver Bay Rd. in Port Colborne.

Rodney, Zacary's father and a teacher at Ridley College in St. Catharines, said the two were back and forth at the cottage that year doing renovations.

"We were up and back all the time and my son had kind of gotten into the habit of getting doughnuts all the time when we went. One day we were in a bit of a hurry and I said no..." said Rodney.

That didn't deter the teen from trying to get his doughnut from his dad.

"It was March and my father said, 'No we may not stop for a doughnut.' I said, 'If you let me stop for a doughnut and give me two dollars, I'll jump in the lake.' So that year I jumped into the lake for two dollars," said Zacary, who is now 25.

He said the first plunge into

the icy waters of Lake Erie was "very entertaining for his family" who watched as he walked down from the cottage to the beach. His feet, he said, were very cold.

"We decided to make it a yearly tradition and doubled the money each year," said Zacary.

Rodney decided to cap the amount of money he was giving his son at \$100 because he knew it would get expensive.

"He's the kind of person that would just keep doing this," said Rodney.

The rules for the plunge, and to get the \$100 bill, are that Zacary has to get his head wet, it has to be done in March and if he stops for one year, he goes back to \$5.

"The one year that he wasn't in the country he actually had to go into a very cold ocean instead," said Rodney.

Zacary, a District School Board of Niagara supply teacher, was in Seattle for the one year and jumped into the Pacific Ocean.

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Zacary Reimer takes an icy plunge in Lake Erie Wednesday as he continues to repeat a feat every March that first landed him \$2 and a doughnut 10 years ago.



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Zacary Reimer tip toes on the cold ice.



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Zacary Reimer found it difficult to get warm after his icy swim.



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Zacary Reimer gets his \$100 bill from his dad Rodney.

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Jobs not guns

Stephen Harper is the latest leader to miss the point when it comes to the reality of Welland riding.

Harper was in Wainfleet, at Triple D Farms, on Monday to talk with Conservative supporters in the riding. His main focus during the morning gathering was the long-gun registry instituted by the federal Liberals in 1995. Harper said he intends to do away with the Canada's long gun registry — which he said current NDP MP Malcolm Allen helped preserve in the last parliament — “once and for all”.

While we won't disagree the long-gun registry program has been ridden with problems, we don't believe it's a huge issue or the main issue here in the riding. Yes, there are gun owners in the riding and rural areas where people like to hunt in Wainfleet and Port Colborne, and we're sure the vast majority of them are against the registry.

But we don't hear a huge outcry against it.

What we hear, more than anything, is talk about jobs and the economy.

The riding, which encompasses south St. Catharines, Thorold, Welland, Port Colborne and Wainfleet, has been hit hard by job losses over the past several years. Welland has been particularly hard hit in the last few years alone.

In the last few months alone, around 600 jobs have been lost in Welland. Three hundred of those jobs were at Herlitz and another 300 were at Canadian Tire Financial Services, which will see workers move to another location.

That's a huge blow for one city to take. If people have to move to seek their jobs, as in the case of Canadian Tire Financial Services, that means less jobs in the riding. That means the tax base can decrease, making it harder for cities to operate.

People employed at the two companies, and others that have closed down, live not just in Welland, but in Wainfleet, Port Colborne, St. Catharines and Thorold.

So the job loss doesn't affect just one city, it affects the riding as a whole.

If Harper truly wants this riding, and is focused on removing Allen, as he said on Monday, then he should have talked more about jobs and the economy, focused on the issues that are important to the people here.

When Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff was in the riding, he spoke about Welland and said “I think we've got a great manufacturing future in Welland.”

We're wondering if Ignatieff was aware of what's happened in the riding. The same goes for Harper.

Are their campaign teams not being informed of what's taken place across the riding? Are their candidates not informing them of the issues?

Of it that two, so far, national leaders are so focused on defeating each other, they're not paying attention to local ridings?

We'll wait to see what NDP leader Jack Layton has to say about the riding, if he makes it to the area before the election, and whether he's aware of the issues here.

■ I'VE BEEN THINKING

FR. DAVID GRAHAM SCOTT
St Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church

As you know, I lost my wife Cynthia to cancer on February 26. Until her funeral I was surrounded by family and friends. Now the feeling of aloneness is sinking in.

But the reality is that the God of Jacob is with us, no matter what (Ps. 46).

Jesus himself felt alone on the cross, repeating Psalm 22's opening verse, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” But the reality was that his Mother and disciple were there, other women who had followed him were there, and as the eternal Son of God he was never separated from the Father, for the Holy Trinity is one and undivided. And yet Jesus fully identified himself with us as his human body felt alone and abandoned.

When Jesus rose from the dead in a transformed body, he told his disciples, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

St. Paul cried out, “Death is swallowed up in victory... thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57).

St. John Chrysostom took a moment

in his Easter sermon to address Death. He said, “Christ is risen, and you are overwhelmed... Christ is risen, and life reigns!”

My son Raymond spoke with firmness and faith at his mother's graveside. This is what he said: “My mom wasn't supposed to die. There, I've said it, what everyone in life was already thinking. She died at 68, what we consider young. I'm mentioning this because we all feel robbed and upset by my mom's death. I have some things to say about this and I'd like to begin by addressing some remarks to Death.”

For starters, Death, you need to understand that absolutely nothing you have done can erase the life my mom has lived. In no way, shape, or form, can you take away how my mother raised her two children. You cannot take away my mother's love for her sisters, or her brother. You can't take away the love and commitment my mother had for her husband. Death, you cannot take away how my mother's grandchildren were cherished.

Death, you do not have the power to take away one iota of knowledge or success that my mother instilled in her students. You just can't. You have no power over that. Death, you cannot

unbuild any of the houses my mother helped to create, for people who needed homes in this region. Death, you can't erase the friendships my mother made. Death, you have power over none of these things.

“I could go on to list innumerable things about my mom over which Death has no power. But I will say this: Death, you cannot take away how hard my mother fought.”

For over two years, she fought you out countless times. Nothing can take away from my mom's strength of soul. Certainly not death, who is powerless over that.

“Some might say that it is enough that my mother's very life is a repudiation of death. But that is not enough for me and that isn't enough for Jesus either. When Jesus died, he also had something to say to Death. He said, ‘Death, you have no power over me.’ And some might say it is enough that one man conquered Death, that one man died and came back to life. But that wasn't enough for Jesus. He also said to Death, ‘You can't have any of God's children either.’”

“This victory over Death is for you, for me and for my Mom. What this means is that death has no power here.” Amen.

■ readers' views

ISN'T ANYONE OUT THERE PAYING ATTENTION?

Two stories in today's newspaper illustrate just how quibbly we all are or how folk are no longer concerned at the pace set by government and the public sector.

At front page story headlines

“Hydro bills to drop: Really? It was only recently another hydro story stated quite clearly that hydro bills would be going up by nearly 50% in the next 5 years!”

Does anyone really believe there is any serious Ontario Energy Board fiscal responsibility behind this latest charade?

It is just shuffling the tax dollars they take from us around! Those tax dollars that still fail to pay off the ever increasing hydro debt that is being conveniently ignored at this time as they pretend they can afford to reduce your hydro bills!

And guess what? Not only is it an election year, we now have both federal and provincial elections

to look forward to. McGuinty has always spent your money, your tax dollars he hasn't collected yet, in order to buy some of your votes. I can't wait to see how federal candidates also claim credit for these ‘falling hydro costs’ in order to gain some votes.

In past weeks we have witnessed two teachers unions threatening strike action, the only ‘arbitration’ they ever use nowadays. Each time they accept a ‘pulled back’ from the brink! All very laudable if you choose to believe everything you hear about how they are only concerned for their students!

The most recent tale, last week I think, made a passing reference to the fact that of the billions McGuinty has spent on education in recent years the vast majority goes to those deservingly teachers and their generous salaries and benefits! I would be nice if they were honest enough to publicly tell us just what ‘share’ they have to put up with. I think it used to be 75%.

The Niagara College and Brock University Presidents have every right to applaud McGuinty's budget. They and their staff have just promised their ‘share’ of \$309 million, which is \$232 million of our tax dollars, for the next 3 years! Or \$50 dollars for each 60,000 proposed new students, plus facilities, plus teaching materials will end up with a ‘share’ of just \$77 million!

That's \$1283 total per student over the next 5 years! Whoopy Dooo!!!

McGuinty is bankrupting the province, whether or not the Conservatives or NDP could do any better is questionable, yet politicians have no shame when election time comes around. Time to come to our senses as an electorate and demand some responsibility and honesty, something increasingly lacking in public life in 2011!

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

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■ **THAT TIME OF YEAR:** Raised bridges may be a pain in town, but ...

Canal is one of our world's wonders

Each year when the Welland Canal opens, it's an unofficial marking of spring — a rebirth — for folks who live in Niagara. It's especially so for those of us who actually live right along the canal in towns like ours. It's a proverbial double-edged sword. We know it means work for thousands of people and that's wonderful because our economy begins to hum again.

But as guilty as it makes us feel because all those nice folks really are working again, a small, guilty part of our



George Duma
BY GEORGE

makeup in Port is to think: Damn, another season of trying to beat the bridges.

I remember first moving to town in the mid-'80s and working at The Tribune office on King Street a block from the canal.

I would run down every chance I got when I felt the rumble of a ship coming

down the canal. And a rumble it was, on the floor under my chair and desk, a distinct murmur of movement.

Upon arrival at the canal, I would stand there at Kent and West Streets and gaze in awe as the huge hulking vessels would pass under the raised Clarence Street bridge, Bridge 21.

I could never get enough. That was October, 1984, and the novelty didn't wear off for the rest of that navigation season.

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The Dara Desgagnes makes its way down the Welland Canal, as the pilot boat J.W. Cooper, right, gets ready to come alongside last weekend.

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■ DUMA

Top Hat tradition

FROM PAGE 5

By the time mid-1985 rolled around, I knew I was officially a Port Colborneite. I was the one racing down West Street to get across the canal to a story or interview on the east side only to find a raised bridge.

Back then, of course, the Killaly Street extension didn't yet exist so one had to drive down to Main Street and hope to catch the Main Street bridge or the middle bridge, the jackknife. I can recall many a muttered curse, knowing I'd be late. I hate being late.

But I learned it didn't matter. As I would arrive for the interview or pre-arranged photo opportunity, all I'd have to say is, "Sorry I'm late, bridge was up." Everybody would nod in acknowledgement and we'd get on with it. Funny how some things never change.

But back to the opening of the canal. This year, the glorious event took place the morning of Tuesday, March 22. Amid the pomp and ceremony is the presentation of top hats to the captains of the first ships of the season to ply the Welland Canal. It was always one of the events of the year I really looked forward to as a reporter. It was a feel-good event. Still is.

Maryanne Firth covered this year's opening for The Tribune. Maryanne is one of my very favourite students to come through Niagara College's journalism program during the time I was there and she basically wrote her way into a job with The Trib directly out of the program a few years ago. Very few graduating Niagara journalism students go directly from college to a daily newspaper. She deserved to.

Here's how her story about this year's event began: "Although the voyage began with ancient mariners, it was the seafarers of today and tomorrow that were the focus of a special celebration on Tuesday."

"It was standing room only in Port Colborne High School's auditorium,



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo
The Capt. Henry Jackman passes under Bridge 21, the Clarence St. Bridge, last weekend.

where students and members of the community gathered for the city's annual Top Hat Ceremony.

A longtime tradition in the Lakeside city, the ceremony not only offers best wishes to sailors, but also celebrates the marine industry and its impact on the community. Mayor Vance Badsawy told the crowd.

Tuesday marked the 53rd navigation season of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the return of traffic on the Welland Canal. "Beautiful."

In the story, Maryanne wrote how Vance explained this was the second consecutive year the celebration was held at a local high school, allowing the city to introduce a new generation of could-be mariners to the industry and careers it offers, careers such as deckhand, galley cook, engineer or even captain.

I often think if I had been born and raised in Port, I would likely have chosen a career on the boats. As much as I love the water and the lure of the sea now, I believe it would have been irresistible when I was a kid and I would have pursued it as a young adult. See CANAL | page 7

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■ CANAL

■ COLUMN: Working dogs

Love to see the ships Canaan breed trained as guard dogs

FROM PAGE 6

I am still mesmerized by the sight of a ship entering the canal from Lake Erie, seeing it off in the distance while standing at the edge of the water on Clarence Street. Bridge 21 is already going up as the ship slowly begins its hours-long journey through the canal to Lake Ontario. It gets bigger and bigger as it glides into the downtown to sit under the bridge and proceed to Lock 8.

After my first couple of years living here, I finally stopped feeling put out by any of the bridges being up. It was our lakeside city at heart, I thought. It meant people were making decent livings and all it cost me in return was a slight delay in getting to where I was going.

Indeed, I even learned to love the idea of the bridge being up, especially Clarence Street. Unless I was in a real hurry to get somewhere and had to take the alternate route to get there quickly, I would simply get in line, turn the engine off and

walk down to the canal.

I would stand as the boat approached, feeling the tangible breathing experience as it passed by. I would wave to the sailors who, with big smiles, would wave back, sailors from all around the world. After all, they were just coming in from open water and the sight of friendly faces, mine among them, giving them a big welcome must have warmed their hearts somewhat.

So as the seaway season progresses through 2011, I would urge anyone who hasn't done so in a while to stop and take in the grandeur of a ship passing through downtown on the canal. It truly is one of the wonders of the world, on so many different levels.

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Sandie Bingley
IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

The Canaan dog is a natural breed developed in Israel. It was used as a guard and herding dog by the ancient Israelites in Biblical times. They descended from Pariah dogs or ownerless dogs.

Through hundreds of years the Canaan Dog has bred true to type or size and shape. They are a medium-sized dog who liked desert life and who followed the Bedouin tribes and were then kept by the Bedouins as herding dogs. Much later the Canaan Dog was trained

and used as war sentry dogs, messenger dogs, Red Cross helpers and especially as mine detector dogs.

After the Second World War the Canaan Dogs were trained as guide dogs for the blind and this is the only program of it's kind in the Middle East.

The Karelian Bear Dog is the big game hunting dog of Finland. This breed has very sharp senses and were experts for hunting bear, elk, moose, deer and wolves. They had a special talent for finding the bear's winter den hide-out. They were fearless hunters and they always worked best alone not with a pack of other dogs.

Today they prefer lots of outdoor activities and exercise. They are not always good with other dogs but they are devoted

to their family.

The Akita is the National Dog of Japan. 300 years ago he was used as a versatile hunting dog in the rugged mountains of Northern Japan. He was used to hunt deer, wild boars, and aggressive black bears. Originally, he could only be owned by royalty and nobility. Later they were loyal companions and pets and a symbol of good luck and good health. New babies were presented with a small Akita statue to give the baby health, happiness, and a long life. When someone became ill, they were given a small Akita statue to help give the person a speedy recovery.

Each year in Tokyo's Shibuya Railroad Station hundreds of dog lovers meet to do homage to a loyal and devoted Akita

dog named Hachiko.

He was the faithful pet of a professor at Tokyo University. Every day Hachiko went with his master to the train station in the morning.

Every afternoon Hachiko would return to meet the professor and walk home with him. One day the professor died at the university. The dog waited until midnight for his master to return. Then every day for the next 9 years the faithful dog would go to the station to wait for his master's return.

Today there is a statue of Hachiko at the Tokyo Shibuya Station as a tribute to Hachiko for his faithfulness and loyalty.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Port Colborne Optimists will host a Girls Night Out. The event will be held at the Brebeuf Hall, 300 Killey St. East, Port Colborne.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and local psychics will be there offering 15 minute readings for \$5. Live entertainment by Randy Thomas. Wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres being served by surprise servers and there will be a number of vendors displaying their items. Tickets are now available and would make a great stocking stuffer. For more information or to purchase a ticket for \$25, call 905-834-7988. All proceeds from the event will help the Port

Colborne Optimists to continue helping the kids of Port Colborne.

The Port Colborne Horticultural Society will be having their April meeting on at 7:30 p.m. We have a guest speaker from the Vineland Research Centre who will be speaking on Ornamental Horticulture. This will be held at the Friends over 56 Seniors Centre, 514 Fielden Ave.

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FROM PAGE 8

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Wainfleet Lions donated \$450 to United Way of South Niagara. Shown from left are Lions past president Earl Sibbald, United Way executive director Peter Papp, Lions tail twister Roger St. Pierre, United Way Port Colborne-Wainfleet campaign chair Sandy White and Lions past president Don Harris. The funds were raised through a card tournament.



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FASHION SHOW FOR PORT CARES



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

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■ ICY

'A kind of neat tradition', dad says

FROM PAGE 3

"We had video evidence of me swimming in the ocean in March," he said, noting there was little difference between the ocean temperature and that of Lake Erie.

Last Wednesday, the temperature in the lake at Silver Bay was about 0°C.

Zacary, taking the plunge for the 10th year, had to make his way past some ice at the shoreline of the beach before he could plunge in the water and even stopped to make a quick pose on a small piece of floating ice.

He said the coldest thing on his body was his feet.

"Everything else gets warm eventually, but feet take about an hour."

While the lake was open, both father and son said there have been years when Zacary has had to get into the water wherever he could.

Rodney said Zacary jumped into a small creek that opened up the ice as it flowed into the lake.

"A few years we've had to trek out quite a way. One year it (the ice) broke on us as I was going in and I face-planted," said Zacary, adding the date he goes in is usually between the 25th and 31st of the month.

Rodney said every year he has been different and that makes the plunge, now a tradition, "kind of neat."

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■ ENERGY

Hydro bills to go down in May; 1% drop will be seen

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Hydro bills will drop slightly in May.

In Welland the average household that uses 800 kWh a month will notice a 1% decrease — about \$15 — making their new bill about \$104.

Perry Orosa, director of customer service and employee relations at Welland Hydro, said the new rates are out of the control of Welland Hydro and in the hands of the Ontario Energy Board.

Port Colborne residents are going to notice an even larger decrease on their May Hydro bill. The OEB's rates show a 3.8% decrease, saving aver-

age customers almost \$20 a month.

Kristine Carmichael, the manager of customer service and corporate communications at Canadian Niagara Power Inc., said the decrease could have happened due to rate riders.

Rate riders are costs added to the distribution charge for a certain time to recover a

specific cost.

Carmichael said these costs balance what they call flow-through costs, which is a cost the company collects and gives to the independent Electricity System Operator.

The Ontario Clean Energy Benefit also begins in May for Port Colborne residents. This is a reduction of about 10%. It was introduced in January

and the benefit that residents did not see from January to April will be taken off May's bill as well.

Carmichael said residents will see about a 13% decrease.

"Customers can continue to be conservation-minded by participating in conservation demand management programs such as the fridge

and freezer pick up, heating and cooling incentives and taking advantage of coupons that are currently being mailed to their homes," she said.

On average, residents of Ontario who use 800 kWh are going to face an increase of 0.8% on bills, which boils down to about \$0.76, a news release said.



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■ **SWIMMING:** Chad Brunarski wins OFSAA gold and bronze

Golden waters for hockey-loving swimmer

JOHN VESSOYAN
InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Chad Brunarski admits that swimming isn't his favourite sport. Hockey is.

But when he looks at two of his medals he has earned in the pool this year, perhaps he'll have a change of heart.

The 17-year-old Port Colborne native won the gold medal in the senior boys 100-metre breaststroke at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations swimming championships in Etobicoke with a time of 1:11.14. He also captured a bronze medal in the senior boys 100-metre individual medley with a time of 1:06.76.

The Grade 12 student at Lakeshore Catholic High School in Port Colborne won a gold and silver two years ago. And last year he was sixth best in Ontario.

Even after his success in local and regional meets, Brunarski wasn't very confident in his abilities heading into the Ontario championships.

"I didn't think I was going to win at all," he said during a recent interview at his high school.

But, he said, bringing home yet another OFSAA prize was a "good feeling."

Asked which gold medal is more special to him, he said "this one because it's a faster time."

The youngster has a swimming pool full of raw talent, his coach Roz Alberti said.

That, along with his desire to win, can't be taught to any athlete.

"He's very competitive. I love it," Alberti said.

Added the gold and bronze medalist: "I hate to lose."

People say practice makes perfect. So what would lack of practice make?

"I don't practise a lot," Brunarski said, adding he's in the pool just two days a week working on his form and technique.

"I joke a lot at practice. But at the meets, I'm serious."

Alberti would love to see Brunarski spend more time in the practice pool to prepare for high-level competitions, but she's not too worried when it comes to meets when gold, silver and bronze medals are on the line.

"He knows what he has to do," she said.

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Chad Brunarski, a Grade 12 student at Lakeshore Catholic High School, won gold and bronze medals at the OFSAA swim meet recently. JOHN VESSOYAN Staff Photo

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Port Colborne cancer society campaign co-ordinator Sharon Leavere, left, Mayor Vance Badawey and Mary Rodgers, campaign co-ordinator for Wainfleet, raise the Canadian Cancer Society flag at Port Colborne city hall last Friday. April is Cancer Awareness Month and donations are greatly needed to fund research.

■ **SUNSHINE LIST:** List shows who makes more than \$100,000 a year

Salaries list released

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — The province has released its annual Sunshine list for public service employees earning \$100,000 or more, in accordance with the Public Sector Disclosure Act of 1996. The list, released last week, looks at salaries earned in the previous year.

Port Colborne saw five employees earn \$100,000 or more, up one from the previous year; Pelham stayed the same, with six employees on the list; Wainfleet also stayed the same, with only one employee making the list; while Welland saw the number of employees on the list increase to 24, up from 14 in 2009.

A list of all agencies and employees subject to the act can be found at www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/publications/salarydisclosure/2011/.

Employees who made the list locally:

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Tom Cartwright, fire chief — \$102,394.67

Ron Hanson, director of engineering and operations — \$102,625.18

Robert Heil, chief administrative officer — \$141,375.71

Peter Senese, director of Community and Corporate Services \$116,756.20

Wainfleet
Scott Luey, chief administrative officer — \$109,934.91

Pelham
Craig Larmour, director of planning and community services — \$100,816.60
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Martin Yamich, chief administrative officer — \$124,662.16

■ **CANCER MONTH:** Waging war against cancer

Daffodil sign of hope

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — The fight against cancer is waged everyday in Niagara. Last Friday the flag was raised to signal to everyone that the warriors need help.

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey helped his city's cancer society campaign co-ordinator Sharon Leavere and Mary Rodgers, Wainfleet campaign co-ordinator, raise the Canadian Cancer Society flag at city hall Friday because April is Cancer Awareness Month.

"We want to send a strong message to people fighting this disease that they are not alone," Badawey said. "We are shoulder to shoulder with them. It's a community effort."

"(Cancer) is not going away and we need help with research and hopefully one day we will get a cure," he said.

As a symbol of hope, donors will receive a daffodil lapel pin.

"There are a lot of people in this area who have (cancer)," Leavere said. "We just want to raise awareness and get some help."

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, 173,800 people were diagnosed with cancer



In 2010 and of those 76,200 died. In Ontario 65,100 were diagnosed and 28,200 died.

People can pick up a pin and donate at a variety of places in the area, including Auto Treasures and Baskets, Port Colborne Hospital Gift Shop, Boggio Pharmacy, Portal Village, Yarnbirds Nature Shop, Meridian Credit Union in Port Colborne and Wainfleet, Sambo's Family Restaurant, Home Hardware on Davis St. and Port Colborne city hall.

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WELLNESS CENTRE**

Mayor Vance M. Badawey has called for a special meeting of City Council to be held on Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Offices, Council Chambers, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne.

The purpose of the Special Council Meeting is for Council to consider the recommendations of the New Community Centre Advisory Committee with regard to the Port Colborne Health and Wellness Centre Tender for Project Construction.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting. Persons intending to address Council are asked to submit a signed copy, legibly written, typewritten or printed on paper, of the communication they intend to present to Council by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

The agenda for the special meeting, including staff reports, will be available on the City's website on Friday, April 8, 2011. Printed copies of the agenda/reports may also be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

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■ GOVERNMENT

Council honours Port couple

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InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — There's no business like show business — and no one knows that better than Ed and Bette Kallalief.

Following an announcement of their retirement, the pair were honoured in council chambers last week for 65 years of service with Port Colborne Operative Society.

In true theatrical style, the Kallaliefs not only received a plaque from the city but were also treated to a performance by their friends and their colleagues.

Led by director Robert Wood, members of the operative society jumped into a rendition of There's No Business Like Show Business — a treat for all in council chambers.

Bette and Ed are "two individuals in our community who have tirelessly put their time in to better the quality of life here in the city of Port Colborne," said Mayor Vance Badaway.

"Under Bette and Ed's direction ... the Port Colborne Operative Society has grown and spread its wings throughout the community."

Bette, the operative society's business manager, admitted it's "hard to say goodbye to something that has been my life, literally my life."

She joked that she wanted to see her husband more often when she married him in 1951, but "the only way I could do it was to join him at the operative society."

"Otherwise I wouldn't see him at all," she said as the crowd roared with laughter.

Though Bette quipped that she cannot sing or "carry a tune in a paper bag," she married a man who can and thus her involvement with the operative society was born.

Ed started with the group when he was 15 and just last month celebrated his 80th birthday.

"Sixty-five years for me. You know when you think of it that's a long time, but to me it was only a moment in time," he told the council chamber audience.

Although Ed is no longer

with the operative society, Bette quipped that he's hardly retired as he still belongs to four choirs and an orchestra.

Bette has been instrumental in the success the organization has seen. Badaway said, though she was unwilling to take credit for her efforts.

"I'm not a superwoman. I didn't do this alone," she told the crowd.

"You know who makes the operative society work? Makes it keep going? You do. Without your support that society would die."

Bette said the operative society is in need of support from Niagara communities as well as an "influx of new blood" to continue stressing the importance of the arts in the region.

NEW NAME FOR PARK?

PORT COLBORNE — What's in a name?

That's what Port Colborne city council would like to find out before renaming Victoria Park.

At the request of residents, Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais brought forward a motion to see the name of the green space, bordered by Davis and Durham Sts., changed to East Village Community Park.

The renaming of the park is "one step toward creating a new identity" for the east side community, Desmarais told council last week.

"It's important to understand the importance of the east village to the francophone population," said Ward 2 Coun. Yven Doucet, providing his comments in both French and English.

"This is where our ancestors settled when they came to the city."

He put forth an amendment asking that the new name of the park include the French translation — Parc du Village Est.

"I suppose ... my only concern I have is with respect to the original name," said Mayor Vance Badaway.

He said he was uncertain where the name came from and he'd like to have staff research its origins before any decision is made.

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Tenders received for Port health centre

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Though the name may be in reference to Queen Victoria, Badaway said he wants to ensure that is the case before moving forward.

"I'd like to do that and cross that t... so as to not step on anyone's toes."

Desmarais said she spoke with numerous community members, none of whom were able to give a definitive answer as to



Vance Badaway

request that it be changed.

the origins of the park name.

Ward 3 Coun. Bea Kenny questioned

why the origins of the park name matters if the

community is coming forward to

Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott said he would hate to see the park renamed if it was named after someone who still has family within the community.

"The least we can do is find that out," he said.

Said Doucet, "If the community wants this we need to find a way to do it, but how we do it is important as well"

The city may have to host a decommissioning and

then recommissioning of the park depending on the circumstances, he added.

The motion was deferred for staff to research the name origins, bringing a report back to council at a later date.

**TENDERS SCORED;
OPTIONS COMING
TO TABLE**

PORT COLBORNE — Port Colborne city council will soon review the long-awaited tenders for the municipality's new health and wellness centre.

Tenders for the multimillion-dollar project were received by the March 21 deadline and have been reviewed and scored by city staff.

A special meeting of council will be held Wednesday, April 13,

in council chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m. to discuss options for moving forward with the project. Mayor Vance Badaway said at Monday night's council meeting.

Council is encouraging the public to "come out and be part of this process," he added.

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■ **PROFILE:** Bette Kalalief, says create your own way to happiness

I've never had a dull moment'

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — In 1955 The Port Colborne Operative Society ran into some financial difficulties and couldn't afford to put on a show.

Edward Kalalief, then president of the society, borrowed some money from his father and put on a variety show to raise money. He asked his wife Bette to take care of the money.

"From then on, we had a show," she said.

For 56 years, Bette Kalalief acted as the business manager for the operative society. She supervised all the departments, made sure they stayed on budget and handled all the ticket sales.

"I also managed to have two children, had a regular full-time job and played a bunch of sports," she said.

However, at 78 this hard-working supporter of the arts,

charity and a champion of local and provincial sports has decided it's time to slow down. She is going to retire from the Port Colborne Operative Society, deciding it was time that she and her husband took a bit more time for themselves.

"The hardest thing was trying to decide what to quit. It's been such a family affair," she said.

Bette Kalalief spent nine years at the then Port Colborne News as an editor, but left because she needed more security, a pension and health benefits, which weren't offered then. She moved to the Port Colborne Public Library, where she worked as film librarian for 27 years, but her passions were with the theatre, on the court and in the field.

"We worked really hard to get shows together. We were the only ones back then, now there are so many we struggle to make heads meet," she said.

Almost 40 years ago one of the stage actresses, Donna

Cutler, became ill, but the show must go on as they say. Kalalief and other members of the community troupe put a mattress on the fire escape and let Cutler lay down between her scenes so they wouldn't catch her illness.

"You've got to understand, this was the middle of winter and we put her outside. You do some pretty dumb things when you're young," she recalled.

Even though Kalalief will be leaving the operative society's board of directors shortly, she still passionately talks about the society as though it was her child. She sits on four boards of directors, she is the secretary for the Meals on Wheels, director of the Festival of the Arts, director of both Softball Ontario and the Provincial Women's Softball of Ontario of which she was president for four years.

She feels like she never retired, but the operative society has been like family to her and said she has a hard time

thinking of the best memories because there are so many.

"I have memory overload. There has been so much, I've had a good life, I've been lucky."

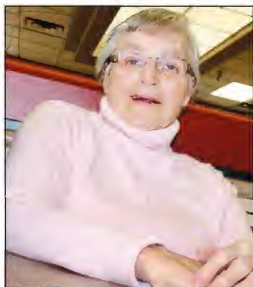
She credits her husband with much of her success. She called Edward the artsy one, pointing out that he was always on stage singing and dancing and she was more sporty.

"I had a very understanding husband," she said. "If he hadn't allowed it and understood it, I wouldn't have been able to do any of it."

When Kalalief lived in Welland she played basketball and did so after she moved to Port Colborne, her team became very close and wanted to stay together in the summer. A friend convinced them to start a softball team. They spent months fundraising and finally did start a team.

Later Kalalief founded the Port Colborne Comettes.

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Bette Kalalief

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■ KALAILIEFF

Bette played, managed softball for many years

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She played for many years and then managed the women's softball team and coached four others.

Better Kalailieff couldn't maintain the number of teams and softball committees she sat on and decided to give up the Comets three years ago and the team

folded last year.

"It's so hard to watch the things you've built apart because nobody wants to take responsibility," she said.

Kalailieff said she did it all because she loved the game.

"You don't do something you don't like. I was pretty upset when I stopped playing," said Kalailieff who was still playing at age 42 when she won an award as the

top run producer in the Hamilton district league.

Her biggest accomplishment in sports was being inducted into the softball hall of fame for her efforts to promote the sport provincially and for her role in establishing Softball Ontario.

Nationally, Kalailieff was vice-president of Softball Canada, but she couldn't go any higher than that because she would have had

to give up her career and everything else she did to travel the world. She couldn't give up her other loves.

"I've never been bored. I've loved every minute of it and if I didn't I would've stopped years ago."

Kalailieff believes the reason people are alive is to help others, but the hardest thing she ever had to learn to do was say "no."

"We missed a lot of our kids' events because of our volunteerism," she said. "I think they suffered because of it."

Still, Bette Kalailieff urges others to create their own ways to happiness and success. She said that she tells everyone what she used to tell her baseball teams: make it happen.

"You've got to 'make it happen.' It's not there naturally; you've got

to create it — no matter what." She may be retiring from the operatic society she loves, but she will carry the memories of all the winters past with her forever and hopes new young blood will take her place to encourage younger people to keep up the operatic society.

"I've never had a dull moment, in my life or my marriage."



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InPort News

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Niagara Health System announced last week that registered nurse Kim Stephens-Woods has been appointed vice-president of patient services responsible for Port Colborne.

Port Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake hospitals.

Stephens-Woods, who recently worked as director of clinical services for St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, will also be responsible for the perioperative care of patients undergoing surgery, endoscopy and other services, as well as the health system's complex and long-term care programs.

In a media release, Sue Matthews, the health system's interim chief executive officer and president, said the NHS is "privileged to have Kim join us in Niagara."

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Kyra, 5, and her brother Caden Barrick, 4, attended the Italian Canadian Cultural Centre Ladies Auxiliary Spring Tea at the cultural centre on Bell St. in Port Colborne on Sunday with their grandmother, Linda Reid to eat pie and support their local hospital. Proceeds from the fundraiser are going to the Port Colborne General Hospital Foundation's mammography department.



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■ HUNTINGTON'S: Volleyball tournament held

Disease hits too close to home

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PORT COLBORNE — Plenty of grunts and groans could be heard within the walls of Lakeshore Catholic High School.

Inside one of the school's two gymnasiums was a competitive volleyball game pitting the Wild Set versus the 6 Shooters. During their match the women hit the court hard to make sure their respective teams got the advantage.

At the end of the half-hour game, the 6 Shooters won the game 45-30. The competitive, each team played for fun and a worthwhile cause. For five years Port Colborne residents Rick and Lynn Miner have hosted a fundraising volleyball tournament at the school to raise money for the Huntington Society of Canada's (HSC) Niagara chapter.

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Lynn Miner

Huntington's disease is an inherited brain disorder that causes parts of the brain to die. Symptoms of the disease include involuntary movements, depression, memory loss, clumsiness and difficulty in decision making. Complications from Huntington's disease eventually lead to death.

For Lynn Miner, the disease hits too close to home. Years ago her uncle, Isadore DeKoenig, was diagnosed with Huntington's.

"When he was diagnosed with it, no one in the family knew what it (Huntington's) was," Miner

said. "We lost our uncle, two female cousins and my uncle's son were missing for 15 years. We feared he had Huntington's."

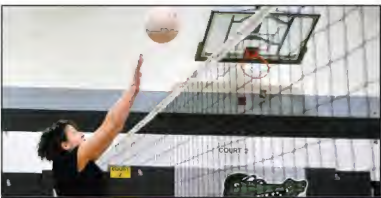
Over the years Miner's family has hosted events such as book sales and golf tournaments to raise money for Huntington Society of Canada's regional chapter. Five years ago the volleyball started with the volleyball tournament.

"It has grown since," Miner said.

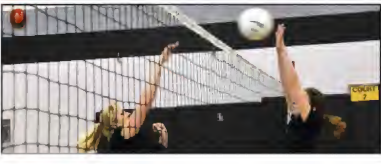
In the past five years the tournament has raised more than \$20,000 for HSC.

This year's tourney raised about \$5,000, and Miner said all money raised locally stays in the region.

"We're happy with the turnout each year. All of our friends who participate learn more about the cause and are happy to support it," she said.



TOP: Shelley Dulmage of the Wild Set volleyball team leaps high to hit the volleyball. **BELOW:** Charly Aubertin, left, of the Wild Set, gets one over the net as Becky Lacroix, right, of the 6 Shooters attempts to pounce it back over the net



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